

§ 847.103 Definitions.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the definitions in sections 8331 and 8401 of title 5, United States Code, apply throughout this part.

(b) In this part—

Actuarial present value means the amount of money (earning interest at an assumed rate) required at the time of retirement to finance an annuity that is payable in monthly installments for the annuitant's lifetime based on mortality rates for annuitants under CSRS and FERS; and increases each year at an assumed rate of inflation. Interest, mortality, and inflation rates used in computing the present value are those used by the Board of Actuaries of the Civil Service Retirement System for valuation of CSRS and FERS, based on dynamic assumptions.

Age means the number of years an individual has been alive as of his or her last birthday.

Agency means an executive agency as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code; a legislative branch agency; a judicial agency; and the U.S. Postal Service and Postal Rate Commission.

Annuitant means a retiree or a survivor.

CSRS or FERS means the Civil Service Retirement System or the Federal Employees Retirement System as described in chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code.

Deferred annuity date means the earliest date on which a retiree would be eligible, without credit for the NAFI service, to receive a deferred annuity based on his or her actual date of separation.

Deficiency means the remainder of the actuarial present value or crediting NAFI service, after subtracting the amount credited to the employee from a transfer to the Fund under subpart E of this part, and earnings under § 847.507 on the transferred amount.

Employee contributions with interest means the dollar amount deducted from an employee's pay for retirement system participation, plus any amounts the employee deposited for civilian service credit under the retirement system, and interest, if any, pay-

able under § 841.605 of this chapter (for FERS) or under applicable NAFI retirement system rules.

Fund means the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund established in section 8348 of title 5, United States Code.

Government contributions means the dollar amount which was contributed on behalf of an employee by his or her employer for retirement system participation.

Monthly annuity rate means the amount of the monthly single life annuity under CSRS or FERS (computed without regard to any survivor benefit reductions computed under sections 8339 (j) or (k), and 8418 through 8420 of title 5, United States Code), before any offset relating to benefits under the Social Security Act under section 8349 of title 5, United States Code, but after including any reduction for age (5 U.S.C. 8339(h) or 8415(f)) or for crediting nondeduction civilian service performed before October 1, 1982 (5 U.S.C.A. 8339(i), note).

NAFI means a nonappropriated fund instrumentality described in section 2105(c) of title 5, United States Code.

Retiree means a former employee who, on the basis of his or her service meets all the requirements for title to a CSRS or FERS annuity and files claim therefor.

Survivor means a widow, widower, or former spouse entitled to a CSRS or FERS annuity based on the service of a deceased employee, separated employee, or retiree.

§ 847.104 OPM responsibilities.

(a) OPM will issue guidance to employing agencies to use when notifying their employees about the opportunity to make an election under this part and for counselling employees in connection with the election.

(b) OPM will issue instructions to agencies concerning the transfer of funds and recordkeeping in connection with these elections.

§ 847.105 Agency responsibilities.

(a) Each agency is responsible for notifying its employees of the opportunity to make an election under this part and for determining if an employee who wishes to make an election

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is qualified to do so, and for counseling employees in accordance with guidance issued by OPM.

(b) If an agency determines that an employee is not eligible to make an election under this part, the agency shall issue a final decision to the employee that meets the requirements of § 847.106, including notice of the right to appeal under § 847.107.

§ 847.106 Agency decision concerning eligibility.

(a) If the agency determines that the employee is not eligible to make an election under this part, it must issue a final decision to the employee.

(b) A final decision shall be in writing, shall fully set forth the findings and conclusions of the agency, and shall contain notice of the right to request an appeal provided in § 847.107.

§ 847.107 Appeals to MSPB.

(a) An individual whose rights or interests under the CSRS or FERS are affected by a final decision of the employing agency may request the Merit Systems Protection Board to review such decision in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Board.

(b) Paragraph (a) of this section is the exclusive remedy for review of agency decisions concerning eligibility to make an election under this part. An agency decision must not allow review under any employee grievance procedures, including those established by chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code, and part 771 of title 5, Code of Federal Regulations.

§ 847.108 Computation of time.

In computing a period of time for filing documents, the day of the action or event after which the designated period of time begins to run is not included. The last day of the period is included unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday; in this event, the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday.

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Subpart B—Elections to Continue Retirement Coverage After a Qualifying Move

§ 847.201 Purpose and scope.

This subpart contains OPM's regulations on the procedures, eligibility requirements, time limits and effects of elections under sections 8347(q) and 8461(n) of title 5, United States Code.

§ 847.202 Definition of qualifying move.

(a) A qualifying move occurring on or after August 10, 1996, which would allow an opportunity to elect to continue retirement coverage under CSRS and FERS must meet all the following criteria:

(1) The employee must not have had a prior opportunity to elect to continue CSRS or FERS retirement coverage;

(2) The employee must have been vested in CSRS or FERS prior to the move to a NAFI;

(3) The employee must have moved from a position covered by CSRS or FERS to a retirement-covered position in a NAFI; and

(4) The employee must begin employment in a retirement-covered position in a NAFI no later than 1 year after separation from CSRS- or FERS-covered employment.

(b) A qualifying move occurring on or after August 10, 1996, which would allow an opportunity to elect to continue retirement coverage under a NAFI retirement system must meet all the following criteria:

(1) The employee must not have had a prior opportunity to elect to continue NAFI retirement system coverage;

(2) The employee must have been a vested participant in the NAFI retirement system (as the term "vested participant" is defined by that retirement system) prior to the move to a CSRS- or FERS-covered position;

(3) The employee must have moved from a NAFI to a civil service position subject to CSRS or FERS coverage; and